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SUBJECT: MISSION DHAKA ENDORSEMENT FOR FY10 1206  
COUNTERTERRORISM SUPPORT PROPOSALS

REF: MANILA 2271

¶1. (SBU) Embassy Dhaka concurs with the regional Section 1206 counterterrorism support proposals and prioritization summarized reftel. The Dhaka-specific proposal described below was developed with host government officials in the context of regional coordination of counterterrorist efforts.

The proposal focuses on improving Bangladesh's Navy Special Warfare and Diving Salvage Command (BN SWADS) capabilities, including its maritime interdiction capabilities, and providing mission-essential equipment.

¶2. (SBU) The Dhaka FY10 1206 proposal, totaling \$9.6 million, would improve Bangladesh Navy Special Warfare and Diving Salvage (BN SWADS) capabilities and provide rotary-wing assets with Maritime/CT and special operations forces (SOF) upgrade kits to make BN SWADS a competent, Inter-operable partner with US SOF. The project would improve countermeasures against terrorism, transnational crime, and internal security threats and improves maritime/border control. 1st Squadron, Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) rotary-wing assets, co-located with BN SWADS, will provide BN SWADS air mobility. The project includes planned upgrades for eight Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) Mi-17 "Hip H" helicopters. Two of the aircraft require "maritime and CT" upgrade kits and six require "SOF" upgrade kits. The BN SWADS will include SEAL and Special Boat units capable of conducting heliborne and surface, permissive and nonpermissive visit, board, search, and seizure (VBSS) missions.

¶3. (SBU) Post is not aware of any credible evidence of gross violations of human rights by any units that would receive assistance under the above listed 1206 project proposals. Embassy Dhaka also acknowledges the requirement to undertake Leahy vetting for all units, if the projects are funded, per normal foreign assistance procedures. Trainers from Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS) conducted human rights training for BN SWADS members on September 14-15, 2009 to in accordance with congressional requirements to provide human rights training to units identified to

receive 1206 assistance.

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